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IN VIEW STRONG APPREHENSION AMONG MOST NAC MEMBERS ABOUT POSSIBLE EUROPEAN SECURITY OR DISENGAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS, I TOOK OCCASION TO ASK WHETHER COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO HEAR STATEMENT MADE BY DEPARTMENT 17TH ON SUBJECT EUROPEAN SECURITY WHICH WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY REPORTS OF SENATOR HUMPHREY'S MENTION OF RAPACKI'S PLAN. AFTER AGREED, I READ QUOTE FROM DEPCIRTEL 720.

BOTH DURBROW AND I REMARKED AFTER MEETING THAT WE HEARD DEFINITE SIGH OF RELIEF AFTER I READ THIS STATEMENT. THIS IMPRESSION BORNE OUT BY REQUESTS THAT I CIRCULATE TEXT SOONEST. STIKKER AND OTHERS ASKED WHETHER THIS STATEMENT WAS AN OFFICIAL US STATEMENT TO WHICH I REPLIED YES.

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